



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced limited precipitation again last week. Most areas are reporting levels of moisture well below average for this time of year. Topsoil and subsoil conditions were comparative to those of the previous week. Temperatures continued to be above average statewide. Producers had an average of 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	39	43	3
Last Week	15	38	43	4
Last Year	18	28	51	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	39	46	3
Last Week	12	38	47	3
Last Year	35	41	23	1

**Small Grains:** Spring barley was 69 percent harvested. The crop condition dropped last week, and is now rated in mostly good to fair condition. This was the result of untimely rain showers in the San Luis Valley. Spring wheat was 39 percent harvested last week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition.

**Row Crops:** Sorghum was 97 percent headed, 35 percent turning color, and 9 percent mature. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 21 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Sunflowers are rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 21 percent harvested and in mostly excellent to good condition. Fall potatoes were in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 72 percent dough and 25 percent dent by the end of the week with 10 percent of silage harvested. The crop is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets are still in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 99 percent flowered and 4 percent cut with the crop in mostly good condition.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 26, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Corn</b>					
This Week	0	7	21	51	21
Last Year	4	15	30	42	9
<b>Sorghum</b>					
This Week	0	0	22	66	12
Last Year	1	10	29	59	1

**Alfalfa Hay:** Third cutting was 30 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to fair condition.

**Pasture and Range:** Conditions fell again last week and are now rated in mostly fair to good condition.

**Livestock:** Death loss for cattle and sheep were below average last week. Livestock is rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 26, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	4	9	38	37	12
Prev. Year	18	29	36	16	1
5-Year Avg.	24	25	30	18	3

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 26, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	39	30	39	54
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	69	45	57	69
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	72	54	66	59
Dent	25	14	24	21
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	10	3	14	9
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	97	81	81	78
Turning Color	35	24	31	19
Mature	9	3	5	2
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	30	18	29	31
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	21	11	30	31
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvest	21	6	29	30
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	99	92	99	96
Cut	4	0	5	7

## COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	1	6	25	55	13
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	1	7	28	39	25
<b>Corn</b>	0	7	21	51	21
<b>Sorghum</b>	0	0	22	66	12
<b>Sunflowers</b>	1	2	12	71	14
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	4	26	50	19
<b>Dry Beans</b>	0	1	21	66	12
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	0	6	19	35	40
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	3	32	48	17
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	3	20	66	11
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	3	13	60	24
<b>Livestock</b>	1	1	15	71	12

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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